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1. SUMMARY: DAVIGNON'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON STATUS OF USG RATIFICATION OF IEA AGREEMENT. THEY ARE THINKING THAT IN LIGHT OF DELAYS IN RATIFICATION BY MOST MEMBER COUNTRIES IT MIGHT BE WISE TO POSTPONE THE TARGET DATE FOR RATIFICATION BEYOND SEPTEMBER 1, WHERE IT IS AT PRESENT. ACTION REQUESTED: SITUATION REPORT ON WHERE US STANDS IN RATIFICATION PROCESS, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE JULY 11. END SUMMARY.

2. LEONARD OF DAVIGNON'S STAFF HAS REMINDED US THAT BELGIUM IS DEPOSITARY COUNTRY FOR IEA AGREEMENT. THUS FAR THE ONLY COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION ARE LUXEMBOURG AND DENMARK. OTHERS WHO EXPECTED TO COMPLETE RATIFICATION THIS SPRING HAVE RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES. REFTEL REPORTED PROBLEM IN BELGIUM. LEONARD MENTIONED EXAMPLE OF SWITZERLAND, WHERE OPPOSITION HAS DEVELOPED RECENTLY TO MEMBERSHIP. SWISS GOVERNMENT IS SAID TO HAVE BOUGHT IEA IDEA PUBLICLY LARGELY ON GROUNDS THAT SWISS MEMBERSHIP WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO CONSUMER-PRODUCER DIALOGUE. FAILURE OF APRIL PREPCON IN PARIS REPORTEDLY SOWED SEED OF DOUBT AND MAY SWISS ARE NOW SAID TO QUESTION WHETHER IEA MEMBERSHIP IS IN COUNTRY'S INTEREST. SIMILAR SECOND THOUGHTS SEEM TO BE COMING TO THE SURFACE IN SEVERAL OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO LEONARD.

3. DAVIGNON IS CONSIDERING WHETHER IEA SHOULD SEEK TO SET A NEW TARGET DATE FOR RATIFICATION, CORRESPONDING TO CURRENT REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS. QUESTION SHOULD BE DECIDED BEFORE JULY 28 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING.
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